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## Dear NDHSAA Board of Directors:

As you are aware, the numbers for the proposed 2015-2016 football plan has been distributed to the membership. We brought our concern forward two years ago, before the current football plan was finalized, and we would like the board to once again consider the validity of our concerns.

We are curious as to why colony students are included in the count which determines football classification. While yes, they are eligible for extracurricular activities; it is also common practice that they are done with school at the age of 16 and begin work on the colony. In essence, they are not partaking in the extracurricular activities which their numbers are affecting. This would affect our school along with others. Even though it may only be a few students per school, when the division line is within less than a handful of students, these numbers are surely affecting the classification of the school(s) involved.

Thank you for your consideration in removing colony students from the football count in the proposed plan. We would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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